to part (c) above.

(e) The premises being residential, have not been found suitable for provision of a public telephone.

Supply of Cooking Gas Connections by Indian Oil Corporation

499. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation has recently chalked out a plan to supply adequate number of cooking gas connections to the people during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. Indian Oil Corporation has a plan to release 9 lakh new gas connections during the year 1985-86.

Credit availability of Hazira Bijaipur-Jagdishpur

500. SHRI SHANKER SINGH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that credit availability for Hazira-Bijaipur-Jagdishpur project has become uncertain.

(b) if so, what are the reasons for refusal of World Bank and Japan to extend the credit and to change their earlier stand; and

(c) what are the details of the alternative arrangements proposed to be made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government of India have accepted a credit of 20 billion Yen from Japan (about Rs. 100 crores) for the HBJ project for the year 1984-85. This project has not been posed to World Bank for assistance.

(c) Does not arise.

Opening of Post Offices in Meghalaya

501. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices opened in Meghalaya during 1984-85; and

(b) whether more Post Offices are likely to be opened in the State during the year 1985-86?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) One Post Office was opened during 1984-85.

(b) Yes Sir, provided the current ban on creation of new posts is relaxed.

Applications pending with Shillong Telephone Exchange for new connections

502. SHRI JERLE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending with the Shillong Telephone Exchange for new telephone connections as on March 31, 1985;